

--- 1/4th Pound - "Hamilton" Division - Black - "Currency" Stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1880 ---

[Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubber stamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No.41, of March 2003 that all CADDY and BOX stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883. At that time they were probably recalled for destruction, and thus only about half of the 1/4th pound Hamilton Division stamps were used.

1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)	John McKay reports 192,500 <i>recess printed</i> copies of "1/4 lb. S. M. R. Black" as delivered. Prior to 1874, these would be in Division Open.
2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)	John McKay reports 20,000 <i>recess printed</i> copies of "1/4 lb. Black Tobacco" as delivered. These were in Division "Specific" format for Montreal and Toronto, and there was probably an equal 10,000 division.
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay reports 25,000 <i>recess printed</i> copies of "1/4 lb., Black, Hamilton" as delivered

--- The "theoretical" control number range on the black 1/4th pound Hamilton Division stamp ---

RM-75 - 1/4th pound, Hamilton, black, *block wmkd* thick wove **00001 to 25000**

--- The "actual" control number range as recorded to date ---

RM-75 - 1/4th pound, Hamilton, black, *block wmkd* thick wove **00001 to 12607**

Chris Ryan's research indicates that *William Patton* was the "Collector" at Hamilton from July 1st 1871 until June 13th 1879, when he was succeeded by *C.G. Fortier*. These Hamilton Division stamps must post-date 1879 since they are inscribed with *C.G. Fortier* as Collector.

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--- recess printed on *block watermarked* thick wove at Montreal under the 3rd BABN Contract - design 63 x 47 mm ---

--- perf 12 - with 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed *C. G. Fortier Coll. I.R.* ---

The catalogue lists this recess printed black 1/4th pound “Hamilton” Division “Currency” stamp as follows:

RM-75 - 1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, black, perforated 12, on *block watermarked* thick wove,
with 4 mm. blue controls - inscribed *C. G. Fortier Coll. I.R.*



★ **RM-75** - 1/4th pound, Hamilton, black, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 4 mm. control **00001**

★ **RM-75** - 1/4th pound, Hamilton, black, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 4 mm. control **00128**,
with the 55 mm. top of sheet Montreal only imprint

00001 ★	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00008	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00016	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00023	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00051	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00059	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00072	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00090	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00103	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00118	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00128 ★	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove top sleeveage, with the 55 mm. “Montreal” imprint
00141	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00181	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00189-90	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove,
94-95	RM-75	- a block of four
00197	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00208 ★	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00233	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00244	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00253 ★	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove, doubled top and bottom horizontal perforations, top sleeveage, with the 55 mm. “Montreal” imprint
00265	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
00282 ★	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
12508	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
12527	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
12531	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
12532	RM-75	1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove

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1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
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★**RM-75** - 1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, black, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 4 mm. control **00253**, a top of sheet 55 mm. Montreal imprint, with doubled perforated rows at the top and at the bottom



★**RM-75n** - 1/4th pound, Hamilton Division, black, perf 12 (clipped), on *block wmkd* thick wove, *without* control numbers



--- the top left corner of **RM-75n** - an inverted scan at 300% scale ---

The collection contains many of these clipped imperforate “TP” stamps (from the Morris collection) most of which under magnification shows signs of original perforation. I sincerely doubt that any philatelist would have mutilated the stamps in this manner. At the time it was illegal to possess tax-paid stamps in mint condition, and even used examples were by law to be broken on opening the package. I feel that BABN, as a favour to a philatelist, clipped the perforations on this *control-free* stamp prior to releasing it.

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